

# Bastie Samir Biography – Buzz Facts About The Man Who Defeated Bukom Banku

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The media has indeed propagated a huge share of the mixed reactions which engulfed the whole of Ghana following the unprecedented defeat of the 'unbeatable' Ghanaian boxer Bukom Banku by Bastie Samir.

Brimah Kamoko, a vibrant boxer known commonly as Bukom Banku and for his controversial ways was woefully defeated by former amateur boxing team captain Bastie Samir at the Bukom Boxing Arena on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Bukom Banku who earlier bragged about defeating the 31-year-old in the third round was brought to his knees in the 7th Round, another punch landed him on the floor, leaving referee, Roger Banner with no option but to end the bout.

With this development, almost everyone wants to meet the man who has humbled Banku. Sadly, many are left disappointed as only a handful of things are known about

Bastie Samir. Well, that ends here. We have done a lot of diggings to uncover the things one ought to know about the boxer who brought the mighty Banku to his knees. Here are the things we learned.

## Bastie Samie Biography

Bastie Samir is a Ghanaian boxer who was born in May 1986. He is quite famous for the feat of knocking out the entire number of opponents he has faced except for one with whom he made a draw. Therefore, he has had 15 wins and 1 draw in his career so far. As a result of his fierceness he has been nicknamed "The Beast."

In 2008, he relocated to the United States in search for better opportunities in the sport. He eventually found success as he won a good number of bouts over there. Some of his opponents include; Billy Cunningham, Greg Hacket, Damon Reed, Joseph Dunn, Jacob Alvarez, and Mavin Blair.

In 2016, he stepped up in his career – he and his younger brother, Issa Samir were signed by Golden Boy Promotions, headed by Oscar De La Hoya. It was in the following year (2017) that he defeated the famous Ghanaian boxer, "Bukom Banku" in a knockout.

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### 1. How He Got His Nickname – The Beast

Bastie Samie is called the Beast, this nickname follows an impressive record of knocking out almost all of his opponents in his 17 bouts. Samir has got 16 wins, 0 losses and one draw (16-0-1, 15 KO's).

This bloke is no 'small' boxer as he is highly regarded as a very good fighter among his counterparts. Even the great Floyd Mayweather admitted to his toughness after training with him. Having faced the Ghanaian in a 15 round sparring session, Mayweather admitted to Samir's toughness and tenacity.



## **2. He Is Based In The United States Of America**

Bastie's victory has gained him much prominence in the Ghanaian media and this has also brought about a lot of questions about the boxer.

In case you have been wondering, Bastie is from Ghana but resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. He relocated to the US in 2008 and has won many professional bouts there. He still resides there till date but makes out time to come back home to visit family members in his home country.

## **3. Bastie Samir's Records**

We have been wondering why Bukom Banku overlooked the impressive records of the US Based boxer while he bragged about defeating him. Bastie's records have never been hidden from the media and they are impressive.

Let us break it down, Bastie won the African Amateur Championships in the welterweight division in May 2007. He represented Ghana and won silver at the 2007 All-Africa Games

boxing welterweight division and qualified for the Olympics 2008 in the light-heavyweight division.

Beating popular opponents like Mavin Blair, Jacob Alvarez, Joseph Dunn, Damon Reed, and others, Samir is surely not below average. As a matter of fact, his 6th round split draw with Lester Gonzalez in April 2011 is the only blemish on his record. But he is a champ nonetheless as he is poised for even better accolades as his career progresses.



#### **4. His Brother Issah Samir Is Equally a Tough Fighter**

Bastie Samir is the brother of bantamweight's Issah Samir and, the team captain of Ghana's national team Black Bombers. Issah won silver in the bantamweight division at the 2007 All-Africa Games and qualified for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

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